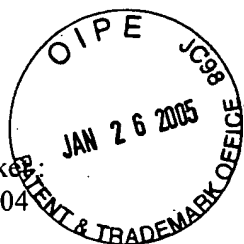


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004 was due by November 26, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (two months, small entity) is enclosed, extending the date to January 26, 2005. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: